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TO THE

REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS sent into SPAIN, &c.

Together with

An EXTRACT of so much of the said REPORT, as concerns him.

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Copy of the LETTER from the Commiſſioners of Accompts to Mr. Stanhope.

SIR,

YOU having a Copy of the Report of the Commiſſioners ſent into *Spain*, &c. we here only tranſmit ſome Papers referred to in that part of it which relates to you, and which you are deſired to anſwer in Writing, Paragraph by Paragraph, and to atteſt the ſame on Oath the 7th of *December* next: when it will be neceſſary for our Information, that we ſhould have Copies of all Letters, Powers, and Inſtructions, by virtue whereof, you are directed the ſeveral extraordinary Payments mentioned in the ſaid Reprot. We are, with due Regard,

SIR,

Eſſex-Houſe,
20 Nov. 1713.

Your moſt Humble Servants,

Will. Shippen,
Hen. Bertie,
H. Campion,
Tho. Liſter,
Fra. Anneſley.

EXTRACT

EXTRACT from the Commissioners REPORT.

FROM Genoa *we went to* Barcelona, *and at our Arrival required Mr.* Mead, *the Deputy of your Majesty's Paymaster, to lay all his Accompts before us, together with his Instructions; by which we find he was order'd to make no Payments out of the Money which should come to his Hands for the Service, but such as should be in writing by the Commander in Chief of the Land-Forces for the time being: taking care that all such Directions for Payment fully expressed what Services and Uses the same were respectively granted for; and also to take care that proper Acquittances be given for such Payments. Notwithstanding which, he has paid the following Warrants, given by the Commanders in Chief, under the several Heads of Contingencies, publick Services, Extraordinaries of the War, &c. Wherein there have been either no Services or Uses specified, or no particular Accompts given, how the Sums therein mentioned have been apply'd.*

In the Contingencies 1708.

To Brigadier Wills 135 l. *for his special Services.*

To Major General Wills 135 l. *for his extraordinary Expences in the Service.*

To Major-General Carpenter 200 l. *for* ditto.

To ditto 200 l. *for his special Service.*

To ditto 200 l. *for his extraordinary Expences during Mr.* Stanhope's *Absence.*

To

To *Colonel* Goring 200 l.

To *Major* Brogard 40 l.

To *Mr.* Trepſack 30 l.

To *Mr.* John Stanhope 200 *Pieces of Eight.*

To *Major-General* Carpenter 200 l. *for ſpecial Services. And there is a Warrant from Major-General* Carpenter, *to pay himſelf* 200 l. *for Expreſſes, Intelligence, ſubſiſting poor* Engliſh, *&c.*

In the Contingencies 1709.

To *Mr.* Furly, *Secretary to the General,* 200 *Piſtoles, to be diſburſed by him for the enſuing Year.*

To *Mr.* Furly 1009 l. *to be diſburſed as there ſhall be Occaſion.*

To *Major-General* Carpenter *the Sum of* 200 l. *from time to time, as it ſhall become due to him;* viz. *the ſaid Sum of* 200 l. *for every three Months: which is to commence from the* 24*th of* December 1708. *and to continue the ſame till further Orders. For this Warrant there is no Service ſpecified, and Major-General* Carpenter *receiv'd his Pay as General Officer beſides. Upon the back of the aforeſaid Warrant, there are Receipts for* 800 l. *received by vertue of that Warrant, and* 400 l. *more in* 1710.

A Warrant from General Stanhope, *as follows:*

James Stanhope Eſq; Lieutenant General and Commander in Chief of her Majeſty's Forces in *Catalonia*, and her Envoy-Extraordinary, *&c.*

'WHEREAS *it was intimated to me by a Letter from* 'Mr. Walpole, *in date* ..... *that there was a Pro-* 'viſion *made upon the Eſtabliſhment for three Brigadiers; and* 'that *it was left to me to give the Pay of the third Brigadier* 'to *Count* Naſſau; *who having already the King of* Spain's 'Commiſſion *of Brigadier, I forthwith appointed him to act* 'as *ſuch, giving him the Promiſe of the Pay: For which up-* 'on *peruſal of the Eſtabliſhment, finding that there is no pro-* 'viſion *made, you are hereby required and directed to pay to* 'the *Right Honourable Count* Naſſau, *the Pay of Brigadier,* 'of 30 s. per diem, *from the* 24*th of* December 1708. *to the* '24*th of* December 1709. *taking his Receipt for the ſame;*

'and

' and charge it to Account of Contingencies: And for ſo doing, ' this ſhall be your Warrant. Given at Barcelona the 23d of ' November, 1709.

To John Mead Eſq; Deputy-Pay-maſter of her Majeſty's Forces in Spain. James Stanhope.

Count Naſſau's Pay as Brigadier was afterwards continued to him out of the Contingencies.

To Don Sebaſtian Cordau 80 Dollars.

To Mr. Furly, Secretary to Mr. Stanhope, 182 l. 3 s. 11 d. ½ being the Remainder of the Money for Contingencies for 1709.

In the Contingencies 1710.

To Mr. William Chetwynd 3213 Livres of Genoa, viz. 160 l. 13 s. for Poſtage of Letters; but in this Sum is included 400 Dollars paid to Cap. Moyſer.

To Mr. William Chetwynd 3965 Livres Genoa, viz. 198 l. 5 s. for the ſame Service; of which, 1530 Livres were paid to Capt. Sterling.

To Mr. Micklethwait 4000 Pieces of Eight: for this Sum there is an Accompt, tho' a very imperfect one, as per No. 6.

To three Officers of Major-General Wade's Regiment, 147 l. for reſigning their Commiſſions, in order to reduce the Number of Officers to the Eſtabliſhment: Your Majeſty having given Commiſſions in England to ſupply Vacancies, which at the ſame time had been fill'd up in Spain.

To Colonel Mackenſy, Paymaſter to the Battalion of Foot-Guards, 83 l. 5 s. 6 d. Lieutenant-Colonel Montgomery having died ſo much in debt to his Company in the ſaid Battalion.

To Mr. Furly 1200 Pieces of Eight.

To the General, by his own Warrant, 398 l. 4 s. 9 d. being the Remainder of the Mony allowed for the Contingencies for the Year 1710.

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ANSWER.

GENTLEMEN,

HAVING perused the Report of the *Spaniſh* Commiſſioners, I have extracted out of it all ſuch Paragraphs as I do apprehend directly or indirectly could be thought to concern me; and in Obedience to your Commands, do here preſent you with an Anſwer to the ſame, Paragraph by Paragraph, together with ſuch other Papers as may be further neceſſary to explain the ſame.

As to the Contingencies in general, I muſt obſerve to you, that it hath been the uſual Practice, upon the framing of Eſtabliſhments for Armies Abroad, to allot a Sum certain, in proportion to the Number of the Troops, for the Contingencies thereof; and the Commander in Chief has always been allowed to be the proper Judge, to what particular Uſes the ſaid Sums ſhould be iſſued: nor did I ever hear of any reſtraining Clauſe in the Inſtructions of any General, limiting or directing him to expreſs the particular Uſes in the Warrants he ſhould iſſue, any further than barely to order the particular Sums to be charg'd to the Account of Contingencies.

The Senſe of her Majeſty concerning the Nature of Contingencies, may, I think, be gathered from the following Report, made by Her Majeſty's Command by Mr. Secretary *St. John* to the Houſe of Commons, in anſwer to two Addreſſes, from the Houſe; in one of which, an Account of Contingencies had been deſired to be laid before them.

A Copy of which Report, extracted from the printed Votes of the Houſe of Commons of *16. Jan.* 1710, is as follows,

'MR. Secretary *St. John* acquainted the Houſe, that their Addreſſes of the 5th and 8th inſtant had been preſented to her Majeſty, that ſhe would be pleaſed to give direction to the proper Officers, to lay before this Houſe Accounts relating to the Poundage and Days Pay deducted out of the Pay of the Army; of the Deficiencies of the Grants, and of the Funds ſince *Michaelmas*, 1701. of the Payment of her Majeſty's Proportions of Subſidies to her Allies; of all the Penſions payable out of the Revenue, and Warrants and Directions for Penſions;

'and

'and also of the Distributions of the Contingencies, and Forage, and Waggon Money, granted for the Forces in *Flanders* in her Majesty's Pay; and of the Distributions of the Money granted for Contingencies of the Guards, Garisons, and Land Forces in *Great-Britain*: And that her Majesty had been pleased to give Directions for laying all the said Accounts before this House (except the Accounts of Contingencies) and that the Account touching the Deficiencies of the Grants and Funds, had already been laid before the House; and that other of the Accounts were preparing, and would soon be laid before the House: But that as to the Accounts of Contingencies, it was not possible, from the Nature of the Service, which requires the utmost Secrecy, for any Account of them to be made; but that they were really distributed.'

From the foregoing Report, it doth, I think, plainly appear, That her Majesty judged it necessary that a far greater Liberty should be allowed to the General, than hath been taken by me: who in the greatest part of the Warrants issued by me, have, I believe, not only directed the Sum order'd, to be charg'd to the Contingencies; but have likewise specified the Particular Uses, as may appear by the Inspection of the several Warrants given to Mr. *Mead*, to which however I refer. To have done it in all, would have been impracticable: it would besides, in many Cases, have been criminal, and highly detrimental to the Service of Her Majesty; since thereby some secret Correspondencies would have been disclosed, which I was authorized to hold for Her Majesty's Service, and from which, I do affirm, that very great Advantages have accrued to it.

The Sum allowed for Contingencies, upon the Establishment of *Catalonia*, ever since my time, was 5000*l.* *per annum*. And the particular Instructions given to me under Her Majesty's Sign Manual, bearing date 28. *March* 1708. touching the same, are as follows.

Extract from her Majesty's Instructions to me, bearing date 28 March 1708. *a Copy of which is hereunto annexed, mark'd* N° 1.

'AND whereas by the said Establishment there is a 'Provision made for such contingent Charges as

may

'may arise for our Service, and the Use of the said For-
'ces; you are to direct the Payment of the said Money in
'such proportion as you shall in your discretion think fit,
'for the Purposes aforesaid.

And I do now declare, that in obedience to these Commands of her Majesty, I did direct the Payment of so much of the said Money, as was issued by my Orders, in such Proportion as to the best of my Judgment and Discretion appeared to me to be for the Service of her Majesty, and the Good of her Troops; by defraying several incident Charges, not otherwise provided for; by making good several Losses, sustained by Officers in doing their Duty; by paying little Debts of some, who died of the Wounds they received fighting in her Majesty's Service; by procuring, from time to time, a quick and safe Conveyance, between *England* and *Spain*, of her Majesty's Commands to me, and of my Sense of Matters relating to her Service; which it was sometimes thought necessary for me to carry my self: by assisting several *Spaniards* of different Ranks and Conditions, who were very serviceable to us; by procuring Intelligence; by maintaining secret Correspondencies; by giving small Rewards to inferior Officers and Soldiers in the Field, in the Trenches, or elsewhere; by giving Money to Seamen, for Labour done, and extraordinary Assistance given us on Shore, in several Expeditions; by assisting several Widows and Children of Officers and Soldiers, who died in the Service; by enabling the General Officer next to me in Command, and who was consequently very often, by reason of my Absence upon other Expeditions, or upon leave to come to *England*, Commander in chief of all her Majesty's Troops in *Catalonia*, to support the extraordinary and necessary Increase of Expence, which attends such a Charge; by giving Encouragement to such Officers, who distinguishing themselves, either by some handsome Action, or by keeping remarkably good Regiments, Troops, or Companies, begot an Emulation through the whole Army to serve well. Money issued in this manner, and to such uses, is and has been always allowed, by the practice of the Army, to come properly under the general Head of Contingencies; whereof, the General is and ought to be the proper Judge. And that such Applications of the Contin-

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gencies are not only legal, but commendable, I do and ſhall continue firmly to believe, till the Commiſſioners can ſhew any Law to the contrary; or, as I mentioned before, any Clauſe in the General's Inſtructions, limiting or reſtraining his Authority in this particular; or that in fact, ſuch Heads of Expence have ever been diſallowed in an Account of Contingencies. And I do further declare, that recollecting either what I can remember at preſent, or can gather from the Papers I have left, I truly believe that ſeveral Hundreds of Pounds have been expended by me to ſuch Uſes, as in my Opinion might very properly have been charged to Contingencies; and which have never been brought by me to any publick Account whatſoever.

EXTRACT, &c.

To Mr. Price, 700 *Pieces of Eight, for Fireworks at* Tarragona *upon your Majeſty's Birth-day. When we examined the Accompt, we found it over-caſt* 266 *Pieces of Eight; however, paid according to the Warrant.*

ANSWER.

There is indeed one Article in the Contingencies of 1709. where I do find, that in a Warrant of 700 Pieces of Eight, payable to Mr. *Price*, for Fire-works on her Majeſty's Birth day, the Account annexed to the ſaid Warrant hath been over-caſt about 266 Pieces of Eight: which Miſtake in caſting up, was, I confeſs, overlooked by my ſelf, my Secretary Mr. *Furly*, and the Paymaſter. But I am pleas'd to obſerve, that in Accounts of ſuch very great Sums, this Error of about Sixty Pounds Sterling ſeems to be the only one which hath been diſcover'd, notwithſtanding they have been examin'd by Men of ſuch Exactneſs and Accuracy as the *Spaniſh* Commiſſioners.

EXTRACT, &c.

Under the Head of Extraordinaries 1708.

Lent to the Count d'Oropeſa 500 *Piſtoles.*

To the Counteſs d'Oropeſa 1000 l. *The Warrant expreſſes it to have been a Preſent from your Majeſty, and directs it to be charged to the Head of Forage and Wagon-Money; but Mr.* Mead *owns, he never ſaw any Order from your Majeſty for the Payment of that Money.*

ANSWER.

To theſe two Articles, it might be ſufficient for me to anſwer, That by my general Inſtructions given under her

Majeſty's Sign Manual in the Year 1708, and 1710. Copies of which Inſtructions are hereunto annexed, N° 2. and N° 3. I was impowered to expend what I ſhould judge neceſſary on the King of *Spain*'s account, and for the Extraordinaries of the War; not exceeding in the whole of both theſe Services, the Sums allow'd in the ſeveral Years: but the proportioning the Sums applicable to each Service, was left to my diſcretion. And it cannot be denied, that the ſupporting ſo conſiderable a Family as that of the Conde *d'Oropeſa*, who had abandon'd a very great Eſtate, reported to be 30000 *l. per Ann.* in *Caſtile*, to follow the Fortunes of a Prince whom we eſpouſed, was of abſolute neceſſity towards keeping up and promoting our Intereſt in *Spain*. I might farther add, That had not the ſame Family received this Support from the Queen, the King of *Spain* muſt have ſupply'd them out of the Subſidies he receiv'd from the Queen; in which Caſe, the ſaid Family would have had no Obligation laid upon them by the Queen, and yet no Expence would have been ſaved to her Majeſty; ſince I believe it will appear by the Accounts of the ſeveral Years I had the Honour to command, that I never exceeded in the whole the Sums allowed for theſe Services. I beg leave farther to obſerve, that the Conde *d'Oropeſa*, who had been ſeveral Years firſt Miniſter to King *Charles* II. of *Spain*, was immediately upon his coming to King *Charles* III. made Counſellor of State; and had the principal Direction of the *Spaniſh* Affairs at that Court, ſo long as he lived. Conſidering therefore the Figure he had formerly made in *Spain*, I deſired that he might be appointed Commiſſary to negotiate a Treaty of Commerce betwixt *England* and *Spain*, in purſuance of Directions I had received from her Majeſty to that purpoſe. He was accordingly appointed Commiſſary to treat with me; and a Treaty of Commerce was agreed, concluded, and ratified in all due Form on both ſides. Whether I did over-value this Treaty, in judging that 1500 *l.* might be given as an Acknowledgment to the Family of him who made it with me, you would beſt be able to determine, by ſeeing the Treaty it ſelf. But having not her Majeſty's leave to lay it before you, my Anſwer at preſent to this Charge muſt want conſiderably of the ſtrength it would have, could you be thorowly acquainted with the Motives

I had

had for ſo doing. It will however appear very evidently, what her Majeſty's Senſe was of her Obligations to this Family, and whether it be true that her Majeſty did order a Preſent of 1000 *l.* to the Counteſs, which the Commiſſioners in this Paragraph ſeem to queſtion; by the annexed Copy of a Letter from the Earl of *Sunderland*, then Secretary of State; as likewiſe an Extract of one from my Lord *Godolphin*, then Lord High Treaſurer.

Copy of a Letter writ by the Earl of Sunderland *to me.*

SIR, Whitehall, Octob 20. 1708.

'I Received on Monday the Favour of yours of 30 *September*, N. S. by Captain *Moyſer*, with the welcome 'News of your having taken Port *Mahon*; which though 'it came at the ſame time as the News of the taking of '*Liſle*, yet was not at all leſſen'd by it: every body look-'ing upon our being in poſſeſſion of Port *Mahon*, as of the 'laſt Conſequence to the carrying on the War in *Spain*; 'beſides the other Advantages, which, if we are wiſe, we 'may reap from it both in War and Peace. I cannot expreſs to you the Senſe the Queen, and every body 'here, has of your Zeal and Conduct in this Affair; to 'which this very important Succeſs is ſo much owing. I 'heartily condole with you for the Loſs of your Brother, 'which indeed is a publick Loſs to us all, he was ſo de-'ſerving a young Man. As ſoon as we heard of your 'being gone upon this Expedition, Orders were ſent to 'Sir *George Bing*, as ſoon as he ſhould come to *Lisbon*, to 'carry with him into the *Mediterranean* a ſufficient quantity of Stores for a Squadron to winter there; and upon 'the Good News Captain *Moyſer* has brought, thoſe Orders are renewed: ſo that you may depend upon that 'being effectually provided for. I don't ſay any thing 'to you of what you mention in relation to the Troops 'from *Naples*, becauſe you will receive by Mr. *Craggs* 'the Queen's Approbation of what you have done in relation to it. I ſend you incloſed a Letter of the Queen's 'to the Counteſs *d'Oropeſa*, writ with her own Hand: you 'will receive Directions from my Lord Treaſurer, to give 'her at the ſame time, from the Queen, the Thouſand 'Pounds you have ſo often mentioned. I muſt not omit 'telling you, that the Queen does entirely approve of your

'leaving an *Engliſh* Garriſon in Port *Mahon*, for the Reaſons you mention, tho' ſome of them muſt be kept very 'ſecret. Her Majeſty does approve alſo of the Governor 'you have named, and is very well ſatisfied with your 'having the Commiſſion you mention from the King of '*Spain*; being ſatisfied you make no uſe of it, but what 'is for the publick Service. I have nothing more to trou'ble you with, but to aſſure you that I am with the great'eſt Truth and Eſteem,

Sir, Your moſt Faithful Humble Servant,

Sunderland.

'Beſides the Orders that are gone to Sir *George Bing*, 'Capt. *Moyſer* carries with him Orders from the Prince to 'Sir *Edward Whitaker*, in relation to the Squadrons win'tering at Port *Mahon*. You will receive, with this Pack'et, a Letter of the Queen's to the King of *Spain*, in fa'vour of the Conde *de Salazar*, at the Deſire and Recom'mendation of ſeveral *Spaniſh* and *Canary* Merchants.

Extract from a Letter of the Earl of Godolphin *to Mr.* Stanhope, *bearing date the 21ſt of* October, 1708.

'AND upon this Head I am to tell you, I have the 'Queen's Orders for allowing you ſhould pay 1000 *l.* 'to the Condeſa *d'Oropeſa*, as a Teſtimony of her Majeſty's 'great Conſideration for the eminent Service of her late 'Husband, as well as of her perſonal Eſteem for her.

EXTRACT.

To Col. Bougard 300 l. *for Neceſſaries to be provided for an Expedition.*

ANSWER.

The Expedition here mentioned, was the Expedition upon Port *Mahon*, the Succeſs of which depended upon Secrecy; and I hope 300 *l.* will not be thought miſapply'd, eſpecially conſidering it was attended with the deſired Effect, of reducing the Iſland of *Minorca*.

EXTRACT.

To Capt. Nevil *Maſter of the Tranſport*, 20 l. *for loſs of Anchor in* Barcelona *Road.*

ANSWER.

This Tranſport, I believe, was one of thoſe employed on the ſame Expedition: and if I thought it reaſonable, that

that any damage he ſuffered in performing that Service ſhould be made good to him, I cannot ſee wherein I was to blame.

EXTRACT.

To Mr. Stanhope, *by his own Warrant the* 24th *of* December 1708. 2000 l. *to be placed to the Account of Forage and Waggon-Mony. A Bill was produced, drawn by Mr.* Brydges *the* 19th *of* April *following, for the ſame Sum; which we take to be a Confirmation of the Warrant. Mr.* Mead *called this Sum a Saving out of the Forage and Waggon-Mony for that Year.*

ANSWER.

Upon this Article I beg leave to obſerve, that my Lord *Gallway* having remain'd in *Catalonia* with the Command till the beginning of 1708. at which time he receiv'd Her Majeſty's Orders to go to *Portugal*, where his Lordſhip ſerv'd the ſaid Year; the Pay of 10 *l. per diem*, allowed on the Eſtabliſhment to a Commander in Chief, follow'd his Lordſhip thither: nor did I, out of Reſpect to his Lordſhip, make any Application for the Pay as Commander in Chief, during the ſaid Year; Nor did I during the ſaid Year, receive more on account of Pay as General-Officer, than the Pay of Major-General, which is but 2 *l. per diem*; as does appear by Mr. *Mead*'s Accounts and Certificate.

Copy of Mr. Mead's *Certificate.*

London, January 3. 1713-14.

'I Do hereby certify to have paid no more to General '*Stanhope*, from 24 *Decemb.* 1707. to 23 *Decemb.* 1708. 'for his perſonal Pay as Major-General, than 2 *l. per diem*, 'amounting to 732 *l.* And for two Aids de Camp at 10 *s.* 'each, amounting to 366 *l.* John Mead.

At the end of the Year indeed, caſting up my own Accounts, I found that my Appointments of Envoy, together with that of Major-General, had been ſo far from defraying my Expence, which had been conſiderably increaſed by the Expedition to Port *Mahon*, that I found my ſelf in debt 2000 *l.* to Mr. *Mead*: which I repreſented home, in Letters to the then Lord Treaſurer, Secretary of State, and Paymaſter; ſending to each of them a particular Account of my Income and Expence: ſubmitting it to her Majeſty, in what manner ſhe would be pleaſed to make me whole. And till ſuch time as I could receive an An-

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ſwer from *England*, I did think it very warrantable in me to borrow Two Thouſand Pounds of the Queen's Money from her Pay-maſter; eſpecially conſidering, that the Queen was then Debtor to me out of the Civil Liſt ſeveral Thouſand Pounds. And I thought the Branch of Forage and Baggage-Mony was the moſt proper to borrow from, there having been that Year conſiderable Savings on that Head, occaſion'd by the Reductions made of ſeveral Regiments, to be hereafter mentioned.

In anſwer to what I had writ to my Lord *Godolphin* early on this Subject, I received a Letter from his Lordſhip, of which you have the following Extract.

Extract from a Letter of the Earl of Godolphin's *to me, bearing date the* 9th *of* Decemb. 1708.

'AS to what you write of your Intentions of ſending your own Account, when it comes, I ſhall not only take care that you be no Loſer, but alſo to give you all the Encouragement which your great Zeal and diſintereſted Care of the Queen's Service does ſo juſtly deſerve.

And I will confeſs to you, that upon the Receipt of this Letter from his Lordſhip, and conſidering the Services it was my good fortune that Year to perform; I did hope and believe, Directions would have been given to allow me the Pay as Commander in Chief, ſince I had performed the Office. But ſuch was the Oeconomy of the Lord Treaſurer, that underſtanding by my own Letters, and the Accounts I tranſmitted to his Lordſhip, that my Expence had exceeded only by 2000 *l.* the Appointments I then had; his Lordſhip thought fit barely to order the ſaid 2000 *l.* to be paid me. Which falls ſhort of what, I apprehend, I was juſtly intitled to; to wit, the Pay of Commander in Chief, for at leaſt nine Months of the ſaid Year, commencing on the day on which my Inſtructions are dated: by which Inſtructions, I was veſted with as ample an Authority, as I think any Commander in Chief has been. The Purport of his Lordſhip's Directions, you will find in the following Extract and Copy of a Letter, and Bill of Mr. *Brydges's*, of the ſame date.

Extract from Mr. Brydges's *Letter to me, dated* April 19. 1709. S. V.

'SINCE then I have received the Favour of yours of the 30th of *January*, the Contents of which I have com-

' communicated to my Lord Treaſurer; who (as I queſtion ' not but he will acquaint you himſelf) was exceedingly ' well ſatisfied with the great Skill and Oeconomy you had ' managed the publick Mony with: and thereupon thought ' your Requeſt relating to your own Affairs ſo reaſonable, ' that he ordered me to ſend Directions to Mr. *Mead*, to ' pay you the Sum you mentioned, and bid me take care ' that the neceſſary Warrant ſhould be prepared here. I ' have therefore incloſed an Order to Mr. *Mead* for that pur- ' poſe; and aſſure you, I eſteem it as a great Obligation, ' the Opportunity you gave me, of ſhewing with how much ' Readineſs I ſhould embrace every Occaſion of being in any ' manner inſtrumental in rendring you any Service.

Copy of Mr. Brydges's *Bill on Mr.* Mead.

Mr. *Mead*, *London April* 19. 1709. S. V.

' YOU are hereby required and directed to pay to ' the Honourable Major-General *Stanhope*, Com- ' mander in Chief of her Majeſty's Forces in *Spain*, or to ' his Order, the Sum of Two Thouſand Pouuds Sterling, ' out of ſuch Monies as are, or ſhall be in your Hands, for ' the Uſe of the ſaid Forces. For which, this, together ' with his Receipt, or the Receipt of the ſaid Party who ' ſhall receive the ſaid Sum, ſhall be your Diſcharge.

J. Brydges.

This Bill repay'd Mr. *Mead* the 2000 *l.* I had borrowed; and upon the Receipt of it, he cancelled the Warrant mentioned in this Report: which I had given him only for his Security, till ſuch time as I could learn her Majeſty's Pleaſure concerning my being reimburſed. A further Inſtance of his Lordſhip's Diſpoſition to ſave the publick Mony, and of my acquieſcing to his Directions, tho' manifeſtly to the Prejudice of my unqueſtionable Right, I muſt beg leave to lay before you, in what follows.

Extract of a Letter from Mr. Walpole (*then Secretary at War*) *dated* April 4. 1709.

' IN the Eſtabliſhment of General and Staff-Officers, you ' will find a Proviſion for a Commander in Chief, a ' Major-General, and three Brigadiers; which is for ' Mr. *Carpenter*, as you deſired; for Major-General *Pepper*, *Wade*

'*Wade*, and whom you pleaſe to give the Pay to as Brigadier; who, I ſuppoſe, will be Count *Naſſau*: but the Queen was not willing to ſend him a Brigadier's Commiſſion, upon account of other Peoples Pretenſions; but you may certainly pay him as ſuch, if you appoint him to do duty and command in that Rank.

'As for the Pay of the Commander in Chief, you know who alone can have a Title to that; and I moſt heartily give you Joy of it: 'tis what I thought you very well deſerved, and therefore ask'd my Lord Treaſurer's leave to place you as ſuch upon the Eſtabliſhment; who very readily granted it, but deſired me at the ſame time to acquaint you, that the Queen was inclined to make ſome Compliment to Count *Staremberg*; who, tho he will not, as is ſuppoſed, take Her Majeſty's Pay, yet will not refuſe to accept a Preſent from her. This I was ordered to conſider of, and find ſome Method of doing it. I then propoſed to make this Addition to your own Pay, and that you might have ſecret Directions from me to make him a Preſent, as from the Queen, of 1200 *l.* or 1500 *l.* out of it, as you ſhould think fit: which was agreed to, and I ſend you theſe Directions accordingly.

In purſuance of the Directions given me by this Letter, I did accordingly make a Preſent in the Queen's Name to Marſhal *Staremberg* of a Diamond Sword, which coſt 1342 *l.* 10 *s.* which Sum was placed to my private Account, and deducted out of my perſonal Pay; as appears by the annexed Certificate of Mr. *Mead* the Paymaſter.

Copy of Mr. Mead's *Certificate.*

'I Do hereby certify, that the Diamond Sword given by General *Stanhope* to Marſhal *Staremberg*, by Her Majeſty's Order, was paid for by me, out of the ſaid General's private Pay, and amounted to the Sum of One Thouſand Three Hundred Forty Two Pounds, Ten Shillings, Sterling.

London, Decemb. 1. 1713. *John Mead.*

It has already been made appear, that for the Year 1708. I received leſs than hath been uſually allowed upon the Eſtabliſhment to Commanders in Chief; and by the now recited Certificate it doth appear, that in the following Year 1709. I received leſs than was my Right by 1342 *l.* 10 *s.* After which, I muſt confeſs, I never ſhould have ex-

expected, that the Commiſſioners would have imputed to me as a Fault, that I ſhould accept of a Preſent from her Majeſty of 2000 *l.* eſpecially when it is evident by what hath been ſaid, that the ſaid Sum falls ſhort conſiderably of anſwering the juſt Demands I could make, and which I would have made long ago, if I had not very much diſregarded my own private Intereſt.

EXTRACT.

To ſeveral Officers, Priſoners at Valencia, 247 *Pieces of Eight; which Sum is directed to be charged to the Extraordinaries of the War, till the Particulars be known, for what uſe the Money was taken up. But Mr.* Mead *ſaid, he had no Order after, for charging that Sum otherwiſe.*

ANSWER.

I believe the Officers mentioned in this Article might belong to ſeveral Nations, and ſome of them very probably to Regiments, which had been broke or reduced ſince the Battle of *Almanza*: ſo that till I could be acquainted with the Circumſtances of each Priſoner in particular, I think the Aſſiſtance given to them was very properly charged to the Extraordinaries of the War.

EXTRACT.

To ſeveral Soldiers, who loſt their Knapſacks and other Baggage at the Battel of Sarragoſa, 9961 ¼ *Pieces of Eight; which Sum is ordered to be charged to the Extraordinaries of the War, till your Majeſty's Pleaſure be known. But Mr.* Mead *ſays, he has yet had no Orders for charging the Sum otherwiſe.*

ANSWER.

'Tis certainly true, that Orders were given to the Men to lay down their Knapſacks, when they marched to attack the Enemy at the Battel of *Sarragoſa*: And altho it pleaſed God to bleſs her Majeſty's Arms there with Succeſs, 'tis I believe, as true, that in the Confuſion which attends even the gain of a Battel, many, if not moſt of the Foot, did loſe their Knapſacks. The Sum here mentioned was iſſued upon account; and tho I did in my own Judgment think the Men deſerved to have a Bounty given them, in conſideration of their Loſs, yet the allowing or not allowing it, is by this very Warrant ſubmitted intirely to her Majeſty's Pleaſure.

EXTRACT.

To a French *Merchant* 686 *Pieces of Eight, who had furniſhed Bullocks to the* Engliſh *Troops; in conſideration of ſome that were diſperſed, died, and otherways loſt.*

ANSWER.

Proviſions of all kinds, but of Fleſh-Meat eſpecially, being very ſcarce and dear in *Catalonia*, in the Year 1710. I did perſwade a *French* Merchant to undertake, with no ſmall hazard to himſelf, to get us Cattel, and even Horſes, out of *France*: which he did accordingly. And the Cattel were brought into *Catalonia* upon ſuch reaſonable terms, that the Troops would gladly have taken them off his hand, had they ſtill been in *Catalonia*; in which caſe, no Charge would have fallen upon the Queen for the ſame: But it having been our fortune to go that Summer to *Madrid*, the Man was a conſiderable Loſer, by driving his Cattel ſo much further than was agreed. I therefore thought it very reaſonable the poor Man ſhould not be Loſer, for having done a Service which might have contributed to the preſerving our Army, had we been obliged to continue in *Catalonia*.

EXTRACT.

To Mr. William Chetwynd 200247 livres, 6 ſols, 10 den. *viz.* 10012 l. 7 s. 4 d. *for buying up Horſes for the Earl of* Rochfort's *Regiment of Dragoons. The Warrant directs* 4405 l. 4 s. 5 d. *to be charged to the Subſiſtence of the Regiment; and the remaining Sum of* 5607 l. 2 s. 11 d. *to the Extraordinaries of the War.*

ANSWER.

I believe it will be found, that I charged Lord *Rochford*'s Regiment with as much Money towards mounting the ſaid Regiment, as could ariſe out of their non-effective Money or ſhort Pay, whilſt they were on foot: And I would gladly know, what other Fund was more proper than that of Extraordinaries, to make up what was wanting to remount them. I thought it for the Queens Service, to uſe all poſſible Diligence in making all the Troops ſhe had there uſeful: And there never was a more happy Conſequence of uſing Diligence, than in remounting this Regiment; which I ſent to *Italy* to be remounted, but finding no Horſes there, I ſent Officers into *Germany*, where Horſes were bought, and marched from thence to *Vado*, where they were ſhipped; and landed in *Catalonia* ſo opportunely, as to join the Army on the very day we marched to fight the Enemy at *Almanara*: in which Action, 'tis well known how great a ſhare this Regiment had.

EXTRACT.

We were well informed at Barcelona *and other places, that very great Advantages had been made by King* Charles

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in melting down all ſorts of good Silver Species, and recoining them into Money of a very baſe Allay; which was accounted to be 40 *or* 50 per Cent. *worſe in its real Value, than the Denomination it paſſed for. By this means the good Species becoming ſcarce in* Catalonia, *many Perſons who carried their Money into the Mint, were allowed a conſiderable Profit. And upon this occaſion we required of Mr.* Mead *an Account of the Advantages which did ariſe upon all the Silver Species remitted to him, both from* Italy *and* Portugal: *but he gave us none. We ſhewed Mr.* Mead *an Account we brought with us out of* England *from Mr.* Brydges's *Office, of the Advantages ariſing by the Coinage: but Mr.* Mead *ſaid he could not explain it, and denied his having ever ſent any ſuch Account to* England. *However, your Majeſty's Commiſſioners have great reaſon to believe, that the Profit of the Coinage hath been conſiderable; becauſe Mr.* Mead *himſelf owns, in a Letter which he wrote to Mr.* Slopar *from* Barcelona, *the 9th of* November 1708. *N. S. relating to the Species remitted to him from* Genoa; *viz. That* 20000 *Genoines had rendred him* 34193 $\frac{1}{3}$ *Pieces of Eight; which is above* 12 per Cent. *And as Mr.* Mead *hath received from* Genoa 308054 *Genoines, he ought, according to his own Confeſſion by this Letter, to have made a Profit of* 36966 $\frac{2}{3}$ *Genoines,* viz, 13997 *l.*

ANSWER.

I was extremely ſurprized at the reading this Paragraph, wherein Mr. *Mead* is charged with having refuſed to give any Account to the Commiſſioners of the Advantages which did ariſe on the recoining Silver ſent from *Italy*. And I am perſwaded, that whoever reads it would be led to imagine, that no Credit had been given to her Majeſty for the Profits ariſing by ſuch Recoinage: which, if true, would lay a heavy Load not only upon Mr. *Mead*, but my ſelf; ſince it muſt either argue prodigious Ignorance, Negligence, or Corruption in me, to have overlooked or connived at ſuch an Abuſe.

The Matter of Fact ſtands thus:

I did obſerve in the Year 1708. the firſt Year I had the Honour to command, that notwithſtanding great quantities of Silver Species of juſt Weight and Fineneſs were imported from ſeveral parts into *Catalonia*, little or none of the ſaid Species were found to be current in any Payments made there; but inſtead thereof a new Coin made at *Barcelona*, and conſiderably leſs in Value than it ought

to be. Upon inquiry, I found that a Profit of between 12 and 13 *per Cent.* was made by the King, whose Officers bought up all the good Species which came into the Country, in order to recoin them. Considering therefore that the greateſt part by far of all the Money which was imported to *Catalonia*, was ſent by her Majeſty; and obſerving withal how dearly we were forced to pay for all the Money which came from *Italy*: I thought it reaſonable, that whatever Profit of this kind could be made in *Catalonia* ſhould accrue to her Majeſty, and go in eaſe of the great Charge our Nation was at. I did accordingly repreſent the ſame to the King, but met with great difficulties; and was obliged to make the moſt preſſing Inſtances, and to inſiſt upon it as a thing of Right, in the ſtrongeſt manner for ſome months, before I could obtain that he would part with a Right which was a conſiderable Branch of his little Revenues: But perſevering in my Inſtances, I did not only obtain the Liberty which I had asked, of recoining the Silver for her Majeſty's Profit; but having further obſerved that great quantities of Piſtoles were imported, and that by raiſing their Value the current Gold Species would not only bear a nearer proportion to the new Silver Coin before mentioned, but that likewiſe a conſiderable Profit would accrue upon importing them; I procured, with no leſs difficulty, an Order from the Court of *Barcelona*, to raiſe the Value of Piſtoles. What Advantages have accrued to her Majeſty on both theſe Heads, will particularly appear by the annexed Account of Mr. *Mead*, ſigned by himſelf, and marked N° 4. I ſhall only tranſcribe from the ſaid Account his two Obſervations placed at the foot of each Column.

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631788 Piſtoles at 4 *ps* $\frac{8}{8}$ each iſſued at *Barcelona*, makes the above Sum, *ps* $\frac{8}{8}$ 2,527152 5

And ſaid Piſtoles at 3 $\frac{4}{5}$ *ps* $\frac{8}{8}$ each at *Genoa*, makes } *ps* $\frac{8}{8}$ 2,400794

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Advantage by Payments at *Barcelona* accruing to her Majeſty is *ps* $\frac{8}{8}$ 126358, or 30010 *l.* 00 *s.* 6 *d.*

SILVER.

The Advantage ariſing by the Recoinage of the above Species, is *ps* $\frac{8}{8}$ 75785, 24, 5. or 17999 *l.* 2 *s.* 10 *d.* which is about 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ *per Cent.*

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Having thus truly ſtated a Matter of Fact, by which it undeniably appears, that to my ſteddy and poſitive Inſtances with the Court of *Barcelona*, is owing a Gain to the Publick of 48000 *l*, if Mr. *Mead's* Calculations be juſt, as I believe they are: I do appeal to the Conſcience of every Reader, whether I had not reaſon to be very much ſurprized at this part of the Commiſſioners Report; and the rather, becauſe Mr. *Mead* aſſures me, he did acquaint the Commiſſioners in *Catalonia* that all the Gain ariſing by the Coinage was placed to her Majeſty's account. Now whether this Anſwer of Mr. *Mead's* to the Commiſſioners in *Spain* can be thought a juſt Foundation for their inſerting a Paragraph into their Report, which naturally leads every Reader to believe, that a great Advantage had been made in *Catalonia* by the Recoinage, of which no Account had been given; I ſubmit to all Men who have Candour and Sincerity.

EXTRACT.

The Expence for Mules for the Service of the Army in Spain, *has been very extrordinary, amounting to about* 100000 *Piſtoles* per ann. *not including the Mule-Money allowed to the Generals, and to the Officers of every particular Regiment. We obſerve, that in the Contracts which were made with* Spaniards *for this Service, there was not care taken that the Mules provided for the Carriage of Bread for the Army, ſhould be muſtered by any Perſon appointed by your Majeſty, who bore the whole Charge of this Expence; and the Contractors were paid, barely upon producing Certificates of the Number of Mules employed from the* Spaniſh *Viador: which were eaſily procured, according to the Informations we had concerning this matter at* Barcelona. *There were Muſters made of the Mules belonging to the Train, tho not of thoſe for the other Services of the Army: and we were informed by their Muſter-maſter, that at the Muſter made of them about a Fortnight before the Battel of* Villa-Viciosa, *there was no more than* 656 *Mules; whereas the Contractors charge in their Accounts* 1025 *at the time of the Battel. And the aforeſaid Muſter-maſter aſſured us, that none had been added to the ſaid Number of* 656 *after the Muſter; but that ſome of the Muleteers had deſerted with their Mules; and that there was conſequently reaſon to believe, that the Accounts for the other Mules*

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belonging to the Army (who were all furniſhed by the ſame Contractors) were very unjuſt.

ANSWER.

As for the Mule-Carriage, I muſt obſerve to you, that I ever thought it moſt for her Majeſty's Service, that the King of *Spain* ſhould make thoſe Contracts; not only becauſe no Contractor could perform his Contract in that Country, without being ſupported by, and making uſe of the King's Authority; and that it was likewiſe the King of *Spain's* Intereſt, to have his Officers look as narrowly as poſſible after the Contractors; ſince the leſs Money was ſpent on that head, there remained ſo much the more out of the Money granted for Extraordinaries and his own Account to be expended on his own Troops, but likewiſe becauſe all the Mony ſo expended, was in effect charged to the King's own account, he giving Warrants for the Payment of each Sum to the Contractors; which was in a manner owning it a Debt of his own to the Queen: and it was then thought, he might ſome time or other have been able to have ſatisfied the ſame. For theſe Reaſons, I thought it unneceſſary to appoint for that Service any *Engliſh* Commiſſaries, whoſe Salaries and travelling Charges would have created a certain Expence to very little purpoſe. And whereas it is inſinuated in this Paragraph, that a far greater number of Mules were charged by the Contractors, than were really on Service in the Year 1710. I muſt beg leave to doubt of that Fact; ſince I cannot poſſibly believe that King *Charles*, at a time when Money was ſo ſcarce in *Catalonia*, would have parted with ſuch conſiderable Sums to thoſe Contractors, to his own wrong.

EXTRACT.

Your Majeſty's Commiſſioners were alſo informed, that 5000 *Mules were charged when the Army was at* Madrid, *tho there was not above* 1000. *And that the laſt Year when King* Charles *was himſelf at the Expence of Mules for the Army, ſufficient number was provided for that Service for about* 12000 l. *when in other Years they were charged about* 100000 l.

ANSWER.

'Tis indeed a moſt wonderful Diſcovery the Commiſſioners have made, that an Army which remained ſettled in the ſame Camp, within one day's Journey from their Magazine, and did not, I believe, make one ſingle March

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in a Body; which I take to have been the Caſe of Marſhal *Staremberg*'s Army in the Year 1712. that, I ſay, an Army in theſe Cicumſtances might be ſupply'd with Mule-Carriage for 12000 *l.* Whereas an Army more numerous, and which march'd a thouſand *Engliſh* Miles in a Campaign might require ten times as much.

EXTRACT.

We find that in the Years 1707, 1708, 1709, *and* 1710. *there was an allowance made for Forage and Mule-Money to the Officers of the Train, as well as thoſe of the reſt of the Army; which amount to* 1351 *l.* 10 *s. This is an Expence the Board of Ordinance did not think fit to allow, neither did the Generals that have commanded in* Spain *ſince.*

ANSWER.

Since I did allow Mule-Money to the Officers of the Train, becauſe I thought it cheaper for the Queen to put them upon the ſame foot with all the reſt of the Army, obliging them thereby to keep Mules for their own particular Uſe; than to connive at their multiplying the Draught-Mules, paid for by the Queen, to carry their own Baggage: which, I will venture to ſay, muſt happen, where no Allowance is made. I thought it of the greateſt conſequence, to prevent Abuſes of this kind, and had the ſtricteſt Orders poſſible given to the Contractors, that upon no pretence whatſoever they ſhould furniſh to any Officer, beginning with my ſelf, any Mule or Waggon, but what the ſaid Officer paid for, at the ſame price the King did. And I have reaſon to believe theſe Directions were punctually complied with: at leaſt, I can give a plain Demonſtration of what I practiſed my ſelf, by the annexed Certificate from Mr. *Mead*, by which it will appear, that whereas my Allowance for the Year 1710. from the Queen for the Mule-Money. was but 432 *l.* I paid to the Contractors, for Carriage furniſhed to me by them for the ſaid Year, 984 *l.* 9 *s.* 5 *d.* notwithſtanding I had ſome Mules of my own beſides: which great Expence to me, was occaſioned by the Length of that Campaign. Whereas in the preceding Year 1709. it happening to be my fortune to ſerve on ſhipboard the greateſt part of that Summer, my Expence for Mules came only to 284 *l.* 16 *s.* 5 *d.* ½. And accordingly I did receive no more from her Majeſty on that account, as appears by the annexed Certificate; not-

notwithſtanding that the ſtated Allowance for Mule-Money, for a Commander in Chief in *Spain*, had never, I think been leſs than 432 *l.* Which whole Allowance I might undoubtedly have directed to have been paid to my ſelf, without the leaſt Cenſure even from theſe Commiſſioners: but as I ever ſtudied to huſband the Queen's Money, to the beſt of my power; and had diſallowed the Pretenſions to Mule-Money of ſome Officers and Regiments which had been in Garriſon, and not ſerved in the Field: I thought fit to authorize what they accounted an Hardſhip, by my own Example; taking only ſo much of the Allowance to my ſelf, as had really been expended for ſome Weeks that I was in the Field.

Copy of Mr. Mead's *Certificate.*

'I Do hereby certify, that I paid Don *Antonio Belvitges*, and Company, the Sum of Nine Hundred Eighty Four Pounds, Nine Shillings, and Five Pence Sterling, for General *Stanhope*'s Mule Carriage for the Year 1710. which I charged to the ſaid General's private Account: and that his Allowance for Mule-Money that Year amounted only to Four Hundred Thirty Two Pounds. And that notwithſtanding his Allowance for Mule-Money for 1709. was the ſame, he received no more than Two Hundred Eighty Four Pounds Sixteen Shillings and Five Pence Half-penny for the ſaid Year 1709.

John Mead.

EXTRACT.

Mr. Mead *is allowed by General* Stanhope's *Eſtabliſhment for Mule-Money*, 72 l. per ann. *Beſides which*, Mr. Mead *charges in his contingent Bills, for the Year* 1706, 400 *Dollars*; *for* 1707, 698 *Dollarr*; *and for the Years* 1708, 1709, *and* 1710, *and part of* 1711, 960 *Dollars for each Year, which amounts to* 3840 *Dollars for Mules for the Uſe of his Office.*

We find charged for the Extraordinaries and Contingencies of the War, 1927 l. 10 s. *given to the Officers to defray the Expences of their Journeys to* England, *from* 1708, *to* 1710, *both Years incluſive*; *as appears by the Account*, N° 7.

ANSWER

ANSWER.

It was frequently neceſſary, that the Deputy of the Paymaſter ſhould be with the Army, and have with him a Charge of Money: and it was, I think, very reaſonable, the extraordinary Expence with ſuch Attendance occaſioned, ſhould be defrayed by the Queen.

This Article has in good Meaſure been anſwered, by what was ſaid in the beginning on Contingencies in general. And I muſt beg leave to differ in Opinion from the Commiſſioners, if they judge it a Miſapplication of Money allow'd for Contingencies, that it be expended in procuring a ſafe and quick Conveyance of Her Majeſty's Commands to Her General, and of his Diſpatches Home. The Paper referr'd to in this Paragraph, mark'd N°. 7. and tranſmitted to me by you, hath the following Articles.

Paid Mr. Stanhope *by his own Warrnt, out of the Extraordinaries of the War for the Year* 1710. 1000 *Pieces of Eight.*	237 *l.* 10 *s.*
Paid to Mr. Craggs, *for his Voyage to* Barbary; *where, we underſtand, he did not go.*	200 *l.*

To the firſt of theſe two Articles I beg leave to obſerve, That having, as carefully as I can, peruſed all the Papers I have, which could give me any light, I can find no Footſtep of any ſuch Warrant ever granted by me. But not truſting either to my own Memory, or to my own Papers, have enquired of Mr. *Mead*, to whom ſuch Warrant muſt neceſſarily have been directed, if ever it was given: But he hath not been happier than I, in his Search after ſuch a Warrant; and doth affirm what you will ſee by the annexed Certificate.

Copy of Mr. Mead's *Certificate.*

'WHereas in a Sheet of Paper, mark'd N° 7. tranſmitted to Mr. *Stanhope* by the Commiſſioners of Accounts, together with the Report of the *Spaniſh* Commiſſioners, which refers to the ſaid Paper; mention is made of a Warrant, ſuppoſed to have been granted by Mr. *Stanhope* in the Year 1710. upon the Extraordina-

'ries of the War, for One Thouſand Pieces of Eight: 'Having, at Mr. *Stanhope*'s Deſire, looked over my Books 'of Accounts, I do not find that ever any ſuch Warrant 'was directed to me, much leſs that ever ſuch a Sum 'was paid to Mr. *Stanhope* on that Head.

London, *January* 4. 1713. *John Mead.*

As to the latter, I beg leave to anſwer, That when we were under a very great Scarcity of Bread, I did ſend Mr. *Craggs* to purchaſe Corn in *Barbary*, the only Country at hand from which we could expect a timely Supply. Mr. *Craggs* did go firſt to Port *Mahon*, as he was directed, in order to confer with the Admiral, and to deſire Convoys for this Service. The Matter was accordingly ſettled with the Admiral, the Service performed, and the Corn bought; tho' Mr. *Craggs* did not proceed as far as *Barbary*: It having been agreed betwixt the Admiral and Mr. *Craggs*, that ſome Perſons thought knowing in that Trade ſhould do the Buſineſs. Mr. *Craggs* had been at ſome Expence for this Voyage; towards the defraying of which I did order him 200 *l.* out of the Extraordinaries, I think, with very good Reaſon: For if he had proceeded thither, and ſtaid till the Service had been performed, which laſted ſome Months, a much larger Sum muſt have been allowed him.

EXTRACT, *&c.*

In Mr. Mead's *Accounts for the Years* 1707, 1708, 1709, *and* 1710, *only* 25269 l. 3 s. 8 d. *hath been ſtopt for Non-effectives; little regard being had to our Laws relating to Muſters, and to the Inſtructions given to the Paymaſters.*

There has been an Abuſe of the Clauſe in an Act of Parliament paſſed in the Ninth Year of your Majeſty's Reign, which gave a Power to the Muſter-maſters, to allow upon the Muſter-Rolls, a Number of fictious Names, in order to raiſe and ſettle a Fund for the Maintenance of ſuch Widows of Officers, as are or ſhall be entitled to your Majeſty's Royal Bounty. For under pretence thereof, the Practice has been to return Muſter-Rolls compleat, made up with fictious Names, and ſigned by two commiſſioned Officers of every Company; which have been certified by their Muſter-Maſters, without ſeeing the Men.

And

And Mr. Mead *produced to us a Warrant to him from the Commander in Chief, dated* March 18. 1709. N. S. *to continue paying compleat, till further Order, the ſeveral Regiments of Horſe, Dragoons and Foot, as he did the Year before: And accordingly they were paid compleat to the latter end of the Year* 1710. *And we humbly obſerve on this Head, that your Majeſty's Inſtructions to the Paymaſter and his Deputies abroad, dated the 9th of* May 1711. *to pay only the Effectives upon the ſpot; ſeem to us not to have been obey'd, according to the true Intent and Meaning of them. For the Returns of the Effective that have been ſigned by the Commander in Chief, or ſuch Perſon as he authorized, and according to which the Regiments in* Spain *were paid, did not mention the Names of the Effectives, but only their Numbers; ſo that the Truth of the ſaid Return could not be examined. And the Muſter-Maſters having not done their Duties according to Law, there have been very great Abuſes in the Service. We muſt further take Notice, that when we muſter'd your Majeſty's Subject Troops in* Catalonia *and* Minorca *in* July *and* September *laſt, the Officers aſſured us, that in every Regiment there, the Generals had for ſome time allowed to the ſix eldeſt Companies fifteen Non-Effectives, and to the others ſixteen; which are mentioned in the Muſter-Rolls that the Captains delivered to us, of their reſpective Companies,* viz. *five for Officers Servants, one for Widows, and nine or ten for Contingencies. And ſome Regiments have been on a higher Eſtabliſhment in* Spain, *than they were when they came out of* England.

ANSWER.

To this Paragraph, concerning the Muſters of Her Majeſty's Forces, it might be ſufficient for me to anſwer, That if I have been faulty in ordering the Troops to be muſtered compleat, it is a Fault, I believe, in common to me with all thoſe who have commanded in Chief from King *William*'s Time to this Day; nor do I ſee how it is poſſible the Service can be carried on, eſpecially in Parts ſo diſtant, or any Funds ſettled for Recruits in any other Method. Had the Commiſſioners found that Care had not been taken to keep all the Troops as compleat, and in as good Order as poſſible; or that when Men had been

loſt, there had been no Directions given to ſtop their non-effective Money; there might have been ſome Colour for their finding fault. But that 25269 *l.* 3 *s.* 8 *d.* was ſtopt for non-effective Money, is confeſs'd by the Commiſſioners in this very Paragraph. And that I took the moſt effectual way to have none but full Regiments, by breaking from time to time ſuch as were leaſt compleat, to fill up the others; would have appeared to you as plainly, if the Commiſſioners, who have obſerved that ſome Regiments had been upon an higher Eſtabliſhment in *Spain* than they had been in *England*, had been pleaſed likewiſe to have taken Notice, how many Corps were broke or reduced. Since they have omitted to do it, I beg leave to deliver you the following Accounts of each; by comparing of which, it will be obvious at firſt ſight how very great the Saving was, compared with the Exceedings.

A LIST

A LIST of the Troops broke and reduced in Catalonia, in the Years 1708, 1709, 1710.

Regiments Names,	Field, Commiſſion, and Warrant Officers.	Gunſmiths, Hautboys.	Serjeants, Corporals, Drums,	Private Men,	The Year,
Guiſcard's Dragoon's	51	25	84	600	
Bloſſet's 1ſt Battalion	41		84	600	
Bloſſet's 2d Battelion	41		84	600	1708
Wither's	41		84	600	
Hotham's	41		85	708	
Mordaunt's	44		104	728	1709
1 Company of Wade's	3		8	56	1710
	262	25	533	3892	

A LIST of the Augmentation made by Mr. Stanhope, to the Regiments whoſe Names are underwritten; to the end that all Her Majeſty's Engliſh Regiments might be on the ſame Foot.

Regiments Names.	Field, Commiſſion, and Warrant Officers.	Gunſmiths, Hautboys.	Serjeants, Corporals, Drums,	Private Men.	The Year.
Pepper's Dragoons	8	4	14	120	1708
Rochford's Dragoons	8	4	14	120	1710
Whetham			11	108	
Lepel's			11	108	
Munden's			11	108	
Inchequin's			11	108	
Gore's			11	108	1709
Duburgay,s			11	108	
Fuziliers			11		
Bowles			11		
Dormer			11		
	16	8	127	892	

Broke and Reduced more than augmented — 246 17 406 3004

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EXTRACT, &c.

We find that the Imperial Troops have never been muſter'd by any of the Commiſſaries, nor the Portugueze *in your Majeſty's Pay in* Catalonia ; *tho' by what we are inform'd, it was never refuſed by either of their Generals: So that it cannot be expected your Majeſty's Commiſſioners ſhould give any good Account of the Numbers of thoſe Forces in former Years. As to the Account of the Pay of the* Portugueze, *they have never been adjuſted ; and the Treaty which was made for thoſe Troops, to which we refer, has made no Proviſion for the muſtering of them.*

ANSWER.

To this Article, ſo far as concerns the Imperialiſts, the annexed Copies of the Muſters, (N° 5, 6, 7.) taken by the Imperial Commiſſary, will be a ſufficient Anſwer. By which it will appear, what their Numbers were when they went into the Field, what Recruits they received, and what their Strength was, coming out of the Field. Whoever is acquainted with Marſhal *Staremberg*'s Character and Severity of Diſcipline, may be aſſured that theſe Muſter-Rolls, which were conſtantly tranſmitted to me by himſelf, were as exact as poſſible. Beſides, I did conſtantly my ſelf review all ſuch Regiments as took the Field. I was likewiſe particularly informed by Mr. *Chetwynd* of the Number of Recruits ſent to them. So that comparing what I ſaw and knew with Certainty, with theſe Muſter-Rolls tranſmitted to me by the Marſhal ; I have full Reaſon to be ſatisfied with them. But that all poſſible Oeconomy was uſed in the Payment of thoſe Troops, will beſt appear by the annexed State of what they did receive in the Years 1708, 1709, and 1710. compared with what they muſt have received, had they been allowed compleat. The difference of the whole, caſt up, amounts to 35569 *l.* 15 *s.* which was the Sum of non-effective Money ſtopt from them for thoſe three Years.

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Computation of the Differences betwixt the Imperial Troops in Spain, *muſt have received, if paid compleat, according to their Eſtabliſhments ; and what they did receive.*

The Year	Regiments Names.	Their Pay according to their Eſtabliſhment, and what was paid'em.				Non-Effective Money ſtopt.			
		l	*s.*	*d.*					
1708	*Staremberg*'s 3 Battalions, from the 1ſt of *May.*	20300	09	00	½				
	Reventlau's 3 Battalions	30450	13	06	½				
	Taff's 2 Battalions	18839	05	06	½				
	Oſnabrug's 3 Battalions from the 1ſt of *May*	20300	09	00	½				
	Erbevil's 6 Squadrons from the 1ſt of *May*	17634	15	05	½				
		107525	12	7	½				
	Paid them only	98108	09	01	¼	*l.*	*s.*	*d.*	
						9417	03	6¼	
1709	*Staremberg*'s	30450	13	06	½				
	Reventlau's	30450	13	06	½				
	Taff's	18839	05	06	½				
	Oſnabrug's	30450	13	06	½				
	Faber's	16219	04	01					
	Schwind's	30450	14	06	½				
	Erbevil's	26452	03	02					
		183313	06	11	½				
	Paid them only	166124	06	20	¾				
						17189	00	8¼	
1710	For the ſeven Regiments above	183313	06	11	½				
	A Troop of Huſſars, 120 Men	2830	05	08					
		186143	12	07	½				
	Was due to them for Effectives	177180	01	10	½				
						8963	10	9	
					In all	35569	15	0	

ANSWER

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N. B. I omit the Regiments of *Egk* and *Browne* in this Computation, who landed not in *Catalonia* till about the middle of the Year 1710. The Papers relating to their Eſtabliſhments having been given to me by the Marſhal, whilſt I was in the Field, were I believe deſtroyed, with many other Papers, when I was taken Priſoner; ſo I cannot be ſo particular as to them two; which if I could, I believe the Sum of non-effective Mony ſtopt from the Imperialiſts, would appear ſtill greater than hath been ſet down.

As for the *Portugueze*, they were not properly in Her Majeſty's Pay till the Year 1710. What Sums were iſſued to them by me before that time, by vertue of Her Majeſty's Inſtructions dated the 26*th* of *April*, 1708. were only upon account; Her Majeſty having not agreed to take the ſaid Body of Troops abſolutely into Her Pay, till the latter end of the Year 1709. at which time a proviſional Agreement was made betwixt Lieutenant-General *Carpenter* and Count *Attalaya*, to ſettle an Eſtabliſhment for them. Which Agreement (a Copy whereof is hereunto annexed, marked N° 8.) was approved by Her Majeſty, and in conſequence of it an Eſtabliſhment ſign'd, as appears by by the ſecond Paragraph of Her Majeſty's Inſtructions to me, bearing date the 25*th* of *February* 1709-10. Till ſuch time therefore as Her Majeſty had abſolutely agreed to take the ſaid Troops into Her Pay, it would have been very ridiculous in me to have them muſtered: which would have only given them a Pretenſion to have demanded Pay for their full Numbers of Her Majeſty, for the two preceding Years; which they had indeed conſtantly pretended to, but were as conſtantly put off by me. The ſame Reaſon does in good meaſure hold, for my not cauſing them to be muſtered in the Year 1710. For whereas in the Agreement made with Mr. *Carpenter*, it had been inſiſted upon by us, that Her Majeſty would only pay five Regiments of Horſe, conſiſting of 509 Men, and of three Squadrons each; and two Battalions of Foot, conſiſting of 667 Men each; in order to reduce the Expence as low as poſſible: They really did, in the Year 1710. bring into the Field ſix Regiments of Horſe, conſiſting of

18 Squadrons, and two Battalions of Foot; which appeared to me, when I review'd them, very compleat and in good order. Their Motive for ſo doing, was to keep up as many of their old and beſt Corps as poſſible; and they hoped, by ſhewing us three Squadrons more than they were obliged to do by their Agreement, to have engaged us to have paid for them. To diſcourage which Pretenſion, I did then, and do ſtill think, that it was moſt adviſable for Her Majeſty's Intereſt, not to have them muſtered by any Commiſſary of her own. If at the time that the Commiſſioners took an account of their Strength in *Catalonia*, their Numbers were much leſſened, 'tis not much to be wondered at; ſince they had been in three Battles in 1710, and had made the Campaign of 1711.

EXTRACT, &c.

From Barcelona *we went to Port*-Mahon, *in order to examine into the Accounts relating to the Gariſon and Fortifications there; and required Brigadier* Lewis Petit, *who hath had the chief Management of your Majeſty's Affairs there for ſome Years, to lay before us his Accounts of the publick Money expended, as well for the Maintenance of that Garriſon, as for the new Works which have been begun at the Caſtle of* St. Philip, *and other Forts at the Entrance of this Harbour.*

We muſt firſt humbly obſerve, that Brigadier Petit *was Lieutenant-Governor, Inſpector-General, Chief-Inginier for your Majeſty, Chief Inginier likewiſe for the King of* Spain, *for which he had* 10 s. per diem *ordered to be paid out of the Extraordinaries of the War, to be charged to the King of* Spain's *Account, as his Majeſty's Inginier, Pay-Maſter of the Works, Commander of the Train, and Furniſher of Bread for the Gariſon.*

ANSWER.

I take notice of this Article, which may poſſibly have been meant as an Inſinuation that I was to blame, in giving Brigadier *Petit* ſo many Employments as are there invidiouſly put together. To which, I think, this ſhort Anſwer will be ſufficient; That I did and do take Brigadier *Petit* to be a very honeſt Man, a good Engineer, and and very proper for the Charge I intruſted him with. His Allowance for the ſeveral pompous Offices here enumerated, are as follows, *viz.*

	per diem.
Lieutenant Governour	1 *l.* 00 *s.* 0 *d.*
Inſpector General, Her Majeſty's Chief Ingineer, Paymaſter of the Works, Commiſſary of the Train, and Furniſher of Bread for the Gariſon	1 *l.* 00 *s.* 0 *d.*
Chief Ingineer for the King *Spain*	0 *l.* 10 *s.* 0 *d.*
In all—	2 *l.* 10 *s.* 0 *d.*

And it having been ever my chief Care to ſtudy good Husbandry for the Queen, I did not think it for Her Service to multiply Officers wirh great Salaries. The whole Eſtabliſhment made by me for Port *Mahon*, is as follows, *viz.*

Eſtabliſhment for the Garriſon of the Caſtle of St. Philip *of* Mahon, September 3. 1708.

	l.	*s.*	*d.*		*l.*	*s.*	*d.*
Lieutenant-Govern.	1	00	0	Deputy-Judg and Dep. Commiſſary	0	04	0
Town-Major	0	05	0	Two Adjutants, 3 *s.* each	0	06	0
Captain of the Port	0	05	0	*Spaniſh* Clerk	0	04	0
Chaplain	0	06	8	Provoſt-Marſh. and Turnkey with a Servant	0	04	0
Surgeon Major	0	05	0	Signal-Man	0	01	0
Mate	0	02	6		3	11	2
Commiſſary of Proviſions	0	05	0				
Aid	0	03	0				

		l.	*s.*	*d.*
Paid by the Ordnance.	Maſter-Gunner and Fire-Maſter	0	08	0
	Storekeepers	0	08	0
	Aid to ditto	0	03	0
	Total—	4	10	2

The two additional Allowances, amounting to 1 *l.* 10 *s.* *per diem*, to Lieutenant-Governour *Petit*, were in Conſideration of his directing and overlooking the Works. And notwithſtanding the Obſervations of the Commiſſioners, I will declare it ſtill to be my Opinion, he very well deſerved them.

EXTRACT, *&c.*

We were informed at Barcelona, *by a Letter from Count* Attalaya *the* Portugeze *General, that it was alſo uſual there, to make conſiderable Allowances to the Deputy Paymaſter, upon pretence of prompt Payment: Of which he could not give us any particular Account, becauſe the Commiſſary, who for ſome Years had adjuſted the Accounts of thoſe Troops with Mr.* Mead,

Mead, *was then at* Lisbon. *However, we learnt from him (as we have already mentioned) that ſome Bills which Mr.* Hammond *gave him (to the Value of* 24000 *Pieces of Eight) had been diſcounted at* 2000 *Pieces of Eight loſs. And the ſaid Count gave us a Letter to Don* Diego Mendoza, *Secretary of State to the King of* Portugal, *deſiring that the Commiſſary might be directed to lay before us, after what manner the* Portuguze *Troops in* Catalonia *had been paid. This Letter we delivered at* Lisbon, *ſoon after our Arrival there; but the Commiſſary having been ſent to* Madrid *ſome time before, to regulate the March of the* Portugueze *Troops through* Spain *from* Catalonia, *we had no Opportunity of ſeeing him, during our ſtay there. But in general, we were aſſured by the Secretary of State, that a conſtant Abatement of* 20 *to* 25 per Cent. *had been made by the Deputy Paymaſter out of the Pay of the* Portugueze *in* Catalonia; *and that upon the Return of the Commiſſary, he would give us a particular Account of thoſe Abatements, ſigned by his own Hand. But after we had ſtaid at* Lisbon, *in expectation of the ſaid Commiſſary, as long as we thought conſiſtent with your Majeſty's Inſtructions, we found our ſelves obliged to come away without it.*

ANSWER.

I come now to the laſt Paragraph of the Commiſſioners Report, in which there is any thing which I apprehend may affect me: And it would indeed affect me very ſenſibly, if there was any Truth in what is there endeavoured to be ſuggeſted; that a conſtant Abatement of 20 to 25 *per Cent.* had been made by the Deputy Paymaſter out of the Pay of the *Portugueze* in *Catalonia.* For it cannot but be ſuppoſed, that the *Portugueze* Generals would have complained of ſuch Uſage to me: Notwithſtanding which, if I had ſuffered it to continue, I ſhould have been equally guilty with the Paymaſter of this pretended Crime. Suggeſtions of ſuch a Nature ought not certainly to be made without very good Proof; nor did the Commiſſioners want Authority ſufficient to have got proof of ſuch a Fact, if any there were. They had already examined Mr. *Mead* and his Clerks in *Catalonia*, they had his Books in their Power, and they were acquainted by him with one Fact, which, fairly ſtated, carries the higheſt Conviction poſſible along with it, of our conſtant Zeal and Application to husband the Queen's Money: But the Commiſſioners, inſtead of ſtating a Fact in their Report, which

would have done Justice and Credit to those who had the Honour to serve Her Majesty, have endeavour'd to draw from it the most false and odious Suggestion. The Fact stands thus.

The *Portugueze*, at the beginning of the Year 1709. being in very great want of Money to pay the King of *Spain* for Bread; without which Payment his Majesty would have been disabled from supplying them, and the rest of the Army; made very pressing Instances with me to supply them with Money for this Service, which they knew I was impowered to do on extraordinary Occasions. But Money being very scarce with us at that time, I refused them. Upon which, they offered to give Bills upon the Treasury in *Portugal*, and endeavoured to raise Money that way upon the Exchange of *Barcelona*; but their Credit was at that time so low, that no Merchant would deal with them, tho' they offered 25 *per Cent.* Profit to discount their Bills. Considering therefore how much it was for the Service that Money should be found on so pressing an Occasion, and that Her Majesty would be a Gainer 25 *per Cent.* upon whatever should be lent to them upon their Bills; the Queen's Ministers at *Lisbon* having a Power to secure the Payment of those Bills, by stopping so much out of the Subsidies: I did order Mr. *Mead* to strain his Credit, and to find Money for them; which he accordingly did. And for the Sum of 34466 Pieces of Eight ready Money, which he advanced to them, he remitted to Mr. *Morrice*, Her Majesty's Paymaster at *Lisbon*, a Bill for 45954 Pieces of Eight; for which Bill Her Majesty stands credited in Mr. *Morrice*'s Account; the neat Profit of which to Her Majesty was 11488 Pieces of Eight.

From this Fact, which is the plain Truth, could it be possible for any Man to imagine, that these Commissioners would have inferred such a Consequence, as to suggest that a constant Abatement of 20 to 25 *per Cent.* had been made by the Deputy-Paymaster, out of the Pay of the *Portugeze* in *Catalonia*?

N° 1. *Instructions for our Trusty and Well-beloved* James Stanhope, *Esq; whom we have appointed our Envoy-Extraordinary to the King of* Spain, *and Commander in Chief of our Forces there. Given at our Court at St.* James's, *the 28th Day of* March, 1708. *In the 7th Year of our Reign.* (*L.S.*) Anne R.

WHereas we have appointed you to command in chief all and singular our Troops and Forces which we have

have at preſent in *Catalonia*; for the better Government of them, you are to prepare and publiſh ſuch Rules and Ordinances, as are fit to be obſerved by all Officers and Soldiers under your Command; as alſo to puniſh all Offenders and Tranſgreſſors againſt the ſame, by Death or otherwiſe, according to the nature of their Offences, as they ſhall appear upon trial before a Court-Martial: which you are to aſſemble as often as you ſhall ſee occaſion, purſuant to the Directions of a late Act of Parliament, for puniſhing Mutiny and Deſertion. And according to their Judgment, you are to cauſe Sentence to be pronounc'd againſt the Perſon or Perſons ſo offending, either of Pains of Death, or ſuch other Pains and Penalties, as ſhall be thought fit to be inflicted by the ſaid Court-Martial. Which ſaid Sentence or Sentences you are to cauſe to be put in Execution, or to ſuſpend the ſame, as in your Diſcretion you ſhall ſee cauſe. And you may reprieve any Perſon under any Sentence, until our Pleaſure be known. And for execution of Juſtice in our ſaid Army, you may appoint a Provoſt-Martial, to uſe and exerciſe that Office, as is uſually practiſed in the Law Martial. And whereas we have appointed a Judg-Advocate to attend the ſaid Court-Martial, for the more orderly Proceedings of the ſame; you may, in caſe of Death, Sickneſs, or neceſſary Abſence of the ſaid Judg-Advocate, depute another Perſon, ſuch as in your Diſcretion you ſhall think fit, to execute the ſaid Office. And you are to cauſe exact Muſters to be taken of our ſaid Forces, and to ſign Warrants for their Pay according to the ſaid Muſters, in purſuance of our Eſtabliſhment made for that purpoſe. And whereas by the ſaid Eſtabliſhment there is a Proviſion made for ſuch contingent Charges, as may ariſe for our Service, and the Uſe of the ſaid Forces, you are to direct the Payment of the ſaid Money in ſuch proportion, as you ſhall in your Diſcretion think fit, for the purpoſes aforeſaid. And that our ſaid Forces may not be unſupplied of Officers, to command them while they are abroad in the ſaid Service, you are in caſe of Death, Removal by Sentence of a Court-Martia, or the quitting of any of the preſent Officers of the ſaid Forces, to ſupply the ſaid Vacancies by ſuch Perſons as you ſhall make choice of for that purpoſe; who are to be acknowledged, and to command in their reſpective Stations, as if they had received

ceived Commiſſions from us, and to continue in their ſaid Employments, till our further Pleaſure be known. *A.* R.

N° 2. *Inſtructions for our Truſty and Well-Beloved* James Stanhope, *Eſq; whom we have appointed our Envoy Extraordinary to the King of* Spain, *and Commander in Chief of our Forces there. Given at our Court at* Kenſington, *the 26th Day of* April, 1708. *In the 7th Year of our Reign.* (*L.S.*) Anne *R.*

WE do hereby authorize and empower you, out of the Monies which ſhall be remitted to you for that purpoſe by the Paymaſter-General of our Forces for the time being, to pay or cauſe to be paid and ſubſiſted, Three Thouſand *Imperial*, Twelve Hundred *Italian*, and One Thouſand Three Hundred *Palatine* Forces, that are to ſerve in *Catalonia*, according to the Articles and Agreements ſtipulated in that behalf; whom you are to pay and ſubſiſt on the ſame Foot, as the Troops in the Service of the States-General are paid and ſubſiſted. But you are to cauſe exact Muſter-Rols to be from time to time duly taken of the ſaid Troops, and to take care that none be paid but what are Effective; reſerving the Pay of the Non-Effectives to be applied to the raiſing of Recruits for the ſaid Troops, from time to time, as there ſhall be occaſion. As to what concerns the Money to be iſſued for paying and ſubſiſting the *Palatine* Troops, and that which is to be reſerved towards raiſing Recruits for them as aforeſaid; you are, in regard to the Diſtribution and Application thereof, to adviſe with ſuch Perſon as ſhall be empowered in that behalf by the States-General, and to act in concert with him.

You are likewiſe hereby authorized and empowered to iſſue ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, as ſhall be judged neceſſary for the incident Expences of the Confederate Army in *Catalonia:* Such as providing Carriages for the ſaid Army, erecting and removing Magazines, furniſhing the fortify'd Towns and Caſtles with Stores and Proviſions, and other like Occaſions.

You are further hereby authorized and empowered to enter into an Agreement with the Aſſentiſtes, or other proper Perſons, for the providing the *Portugueze* Troops with Bread, and with Oates or other Corn for their Horſe, and to advance Money for the ſaid Troops, to enable them to take the Field; unleſs theſe things have already been pro-

provided for in *Portugal*: which Monies ſo to be iſſued by you, on account of the *Portugueze* Troops, are to be deducted out of the Subſidies paid by us to the Crown of *Portugal*.

You are to pay Six Thouſand of the Twelve Thouſand Troops, which our good Brother the King of *Spain* intends to have on Foot; or if there be not Twelve Thouſand effective Men, you are then to pay but half of ſuch Number as he ſhall actually have on Foot; and the Reſidue of the Fund deſigned for Payment of the ſaid Six Thouſand Men, you are to apply towards defraying the incident Expences of the Army.

If we and the Emperor ſhould agree upon ſending more Imperial Troops into *Catalonia*, ſuch part of them as we ſhall agree to pay, are to be paid and ſubſiſted by you in the ſame manner, and upon the ſame Foot as the Imperial Troops above-mentioned.

If upon your Arrival at *Genoa*, you have no account of the Arrival in the Mediterranean Seas of our Fleet under the Command of Sir *John Leake*, and that you are informed there is a want of Corn in *Catalonia*; we do in ſuch caſe empower you to buy up Corn, and to cauſe the ſame to be tranſported thither: In the doing of which, you ſhall act in ſuch manner, as in your diſcretion you ſhall think moſt for our Advantage and the publick Service.

We do hereby further authorize and empower you, whenever there ſhall be occaſion, to take up ſuch Sum or Sums of Money, as you ſhall need for the carrying on theſe Services, at *Genoa*, or ſuch other places as you ſhall find moſt expedient; and to draw Bills for the ſame on our High-Treaſurer, or the Paymaſter General of our Forces, at the moſt moderate and eaſy Rates of Exchange, for which you ſhall be able to procure the ſaid Monies. *A.* R.

N° 3. *Inſtructions for our Truſty and Well-beloved* James Stanhope, *Eſq*; *our Envoy Extraordinary to the King of* Spain, *and Commander in Chief of our Forces there. Given at our Court at St.* James's, *the 25th Day of* February 1709-10. *In the 8th Year of our Reign,* (*L.S.*) Anne *R.*

WHereas our Service requires, that the Troops in *Catalonia* under our Pay ſhould be regularly and punctually paid, we have therefore thought fit, and do hereby authorize and empower your to pay the *Imperial*, *Italion*, and

and *Griſon* Regiments, according to the laſt Eſtabliſhment ſign'd by Us, which is in the Office of our Secretary at War. We have likewiſe ſigned an Eſtabliſhment for the *Portugueze* Troops in *Catalonia*, which is to be your Rule as to the Payment of thoſe Troops. And as to the two *Portugueze* Battalions, if they are come back from the Enemy, ſuch a number of the Priſoners as may be ſufficient to compleat theſe Battalions, and to recruit the *Engliſh* Battalions, as has been agreed on betwixt Major-General *Carpenter* and Count *Attalaya*; ſo that you ſhall think it for our Service that they ſhould be formed; you are in that caſe, to pay thoſe Battalions in the ſame way as the others.

You are alſo to pay Three Thouſand *Imperialiſts* we have taken into our Service, and which are to be ſent from *Italy* on the ſame Foot as the others; commencing their Pay from their Embarkation for *Catalonia*, and taking exact care that neither theſe, nor any of the aforeſaid Troops be paid, but according to their Effectives.

You are alſo to pay that Proportion of the *Palatine* Troops you have uſed to pay, unleſs by any new Agreement between us and the States-General the ſaid Proportion ſhould be altered; taking care to ſtop for the Bread that has been furniſhed to the ſaid *Palatine* Troops, by the King of *Spain*.

You are further hereby authorized and empowered to iſſue, on the King of *Spain*'s account, for his Troops, and for the Extraordinaries of the War in *Catalonia* and *Spain*, any Sum or Sums, not exceeding in the whole Three Hundred Thouſand Pounds; taking the King of *Spain*'s Receipt for what you ſhall iſſue on the foreſaid Accounts. and in caſe the Remittances from hence ſhall fall ſhort of what is neceſſary for the ſeveral Services abovementioned, you are then to draw Bills for what Money may be wanting to anſwer the ſame. *A. R.*

WHereas ſeveral Papers are referred to in this *Anſwer*, which were delivered to the Commiſſioners together with it: it hath been thought neceſſary to print only ſuch as are moſt material, *viz.* the Queen's Inſtructions.

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